

## District 5040 Rotarian Receives Prestigious Award

Past RI President and chair of The Rotary Foundation Jonathan B. Majiyagbe has announced that PDG Leigh Higinbotham has been awarded the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award.



Each year, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation recognize a limited number of Rotarians worldwide for their outstanding efforts on behalf of The Rotary Foundation with the Distinguished Service Award.

The accompanying citation with the award states "Your exceptional record of service to the Foundation has proved you to be a most deserving recipient of this, the highest honour bestowed by The Rotary Foundation. Your efforts to promote the ideals of the Foundation have greatly contributed to the success of its many international programs. You represent the best that Rotary has to offer, the caring, the concern, the hope of a better life for those less fortunate than ourselves"

Leigh served from 2005 to 2008 as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator. He worked with Rotary districts in western Canada, Alaska, Russia and Washington. He gave numerous presentations to clubs and districts and traveled thousands of miles as a volunteer. During his time as foundation coordinator donations to The Rotary Foundation had significant growth in the area where he worked.

Leigh has been invited to be a presenter at Rotary International Conventions and to train new foundation coordinators in Evanston. Leigh expanded the amount of foundation training at Pacific Northwest PETS. In 2008 he was selected by President DK Lee as a keynote speaker at the International Assembly in San Diego.

In 2000 he was awarded The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, a prerequisite for the Distinguished Service award